## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Septuagesima

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Elizabeth S. Boyk (55th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Leon Boyk and Family

Monday, February 18, 2018 – Weekday, President's Day

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – Weekday

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – Weekday

Thursday, February 21, 2019 – Weekday

Friday, February 22, 2019 – Weekday

Saturday, February 23, 2019 – Weekday

Sunday, February 24, 2019 – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• 9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Dorothy Karolkiewicz – requested by Mr & Mrs Raymond Bousman and Family

#### **FAITH SHARING**

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power and influence are not the source of true happiness. The word "beatitude" means "blessedness" in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness.

We need to respond to the challenge of the beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Therefore, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the beatitudes here and now.

#### BRING YOUR OLD PALM



Do you still have your palm from last year Palm Sunday? Please bring it and place it in the back of our church. We burn the palms of last year's Palm Sunday and will be using the ashes on this year Ash Wednesday.

### VERY FRUITFUL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Parish Committee debated about the future of St. Valentine's Parish. There is a great opportunity for us to exist for many years and to serve our local Polish community. But not ...here, not on Margaret St. These buildings are very challenging to our budget. We just simply cannot invest more money here. Right after one broken thing is fixed, another two are broken.

There is a chance for us to build a brand new church campus in Bensalem. Therefore we must sell partially the land we owe over there. This decision we have to make together, all Parishioners.

Let me invite all of you for our Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on March 10, 2019 after Mass in our church hall. The written invitation will be send out soon to all of you. Voting and making crucial decisions are available only for active registered members in good standing who payed Church dues.

> **The Annual Parish Meeting** March 10, 2019 after 9:30 AM Mass in our church hall

#### CEMETERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remove all Christmas ornaments/decorations from cemetery by February 17, 2019. Thank you.

And we ask you again - no artificial flowers or decorative items which have metal wires inside, even very thin. Metal wires destroy our lawn mower blades. Only metal Veterans emblems with flag holder and emblems of faith and societies are allowed. All such items must be placed with the confines of the flowerbed and

meet safety standards. Flowerbeds, veterans and memorial emblems/flags and other approved items are not allowed at the foot of the grave; only at the head of the grave. During the nongrowing season (i.e. from November 15th to March 31st), artificial flowers and wreaths are permitted, only at the head of the grave, not more than 8 inches from headstone. These items must be removed each year before April 1st.



#### CEMETERY FENCE

Damaged fence on our property in Bensalem can be fixed soon. The driver's insurance is going to pay all expenses.

## 19TH ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

This year's theme is "Identity: Who We Are in Christ" and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year's Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at Comfort Suites located at 64 Knotter Dr, Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: "Polish National Catholic Church"** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut off date for obtaining this guaranteed room rate **is Friday, March 8, 2019**. When you fill out you registration form, send it along with a check for the **Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The **deadline for registering is March 15, 2019**. For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00.

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact:

Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: <a href="mailto:nowak@netscape.com">nowak@netscape.com</a>.



# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

## Polish National Catholic Church

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Septaugesima

6 Niedziela Zwykła

**February 17, 2019**